waste has been formulated and is under implementation.

(vi) The Government have also approved the National River Action Plan (NRAP) covering major rivers. The industries discharging their effluents into rivers and lakes are being regularly monitored by the CPCB.

(vii) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment and also for the shifting of polluting industries from congested areas. Customs and Excise Duty Exemptions are provided to the industries for pollution control/ monitoring equipment.

(viii) Ambient water quality, air quality and noise standards have also been evolved and notified.

(ix) For control of pollution from vehicles, emission norms for both petrol and diesel driven vehicles at the manufacturing stage were introduced for the first time in 1990 and made tighter in 1996. More stringent emission norms have also been notified and will come into effect from 1.4.2000.

(x) Lead free petrol has been introduced from 1.4.95 in the four metropolitan cities of Mumbai, Calcutta, Delhi and Chennai for use in cars fitted with catalytic converters.

(xi) Public awareness campaigns on the effects of pollution have been launched.

दवाओं की कीमतों का नियंत्रण

*148. **श्री बरजिन्दर सिंह:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या देश में दवाओं की कीमतों को नियंत्रण में रखने के लिए सरकार ने नेशनल फार्मास्युटिकल्स प्राइसिंग अथारिटी का गठन किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस अथारिटी में किन-किन व्यक्तियों को शामिल किया गया है और उनकी अर्हताएं क्या हैं जिनके आधार पर उन्हें यह उत्तरदायित्व सौंपा गया है;

(ग) क्या गत महीनों में अनेक दवाओं तथा उनके सूत्रयोगों की कीमतों में कमी अथवा वृद्धि की गई है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो ऐसी दवाओं के नाम क्या हैं; और

(ङ) क्या कीमतों में कमी करने के फलस्वरूप उपभोक्ता क्रय मूल्य भी कम किए गए हैं, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्री (सरदार सुरजीत सिंह) बरनाला: (क) और (ख) जी, हां। राष्ट्रीय औषध मूल्य निर्धारण प्राधिकरण में एक अध्यक्ष हैं, जो भारतीय प्रशासनिक सेवा के अधिकारी हैं, वे वित्तीय प्रबंधन तथा लोक प्रशासन में एम०ए० हैं और राजकोषीय प्रबंधन में एम०एस०सी० हैं। उनके अतिरिक्त इसमें एक सदस्य सचिव हैं, जो अर्थशास्त्र में पी०एच०डी० हैं और उन्हें मूल्य निर्धारण संबंधी मामलों में व्यापक अनुभव है। वे (सदस्य सचिव) भारतीय आर्थिक सेवा के हैं। अब 12 अन्य अधिकारी जो लागत, भेषज विज्ञानों तथा अर्थशास्त्र के विशेषज्ञ हैं, प्राधिकरण की सहायता करते हैं।

(ग) और (घ) जी हां। 349 सूत्रयोग पैकों के मूल्य संशोधित किए गए हैं जिनके परिणामस्वरूप 216 पैकों के मूल्यों में कमी हुई है और 133 पैकों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि हुई है। संगत अधिसूचनाओं की प्रतियां संसद ग्रन्थागार में उपलब्ध हैं।

(ङ) जी, हां। डी पी सी ओ, 1995 के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित मूल्यों को शासकीय राजपत्र में अधिसूचना या विनिर्माता / आयातकर्ता द्वारा आदेश की प्राप्ति के 15 दिनों के अन्दर कार्यान्वित करना होता है।

'Tatkal' reservation facility

*149. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Tatkal' reservation facility has been introduced in some classes and trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith names of reservation offices and railway stations providing such facility;

(c) whether some extra payment and formalities are required to be paid/ undertaken by passengers while availing of this facility;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government propose to extend this facility in all classes and trains in near future to do away with HO quota handling of which is mainly responsible for extension in service of some officials of Railway Board office even after their retirement; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, Tatkal Reservation Scheme has been introduced in 20 trains. The names of the trains, classes, reservation offices and stations at which the Tatkal reservation facility is available are as under:

S.No.	TRAIN	CLASS	RESERVATION OFFICES/ STATIONS WHERE THE RESERVATIONS UNDER TATKAL SCHEME CAN BE AVAILED
1.	2001 BHOPAL-NEW DELHI SHATABDI EXPRESS	Chair Car	
2.	2002 NEW DELHI-BHOPAL SHATABDI EXPRESS	Chair Car	Before preparation of chart:
3.	2003 LUCKNOW-NEW DELHI SHATABDI EXP.	Chair Car	At reservation counters of Northern
4.	2004 NEW DELHI-LUCKNOW SHATABDI EXPRESS	Chair Car	Railway Passenger Reservation System
			After poreparation of chart:
5.	2005 NEW DELHI-KALKA SHATABDI EXPRESS	Chair Car	At the special counters earmarked at
6.	2006 KALKA NEW DELHI-SHATABDI EXPRESS	Chair Car	the respective train originating stations, i.e., Delhi, New Delhi, Hazrat
7.	2011 NEW DELHI-CHANDIGARH SHATABDI EXPRESS	Chair Car	Nizammudin, Amritsar, Kalka,
8.	2012 CHANDIGARH-NEW DELHI SHATABDI EXPRESS	Chair Car	Chandigarh, Luchnow, Bhopal and Jammu Tawi.
9.	2013 NEW DELHI-AMRITSAR SHATABDI EXPRESS	Chair Car	
10.	2014 AMRITSAR-NEW DELHI SHATABDI EXPRESS	Chair Car	
11.	2916 DELHI-AHMEDABAD ASHRAM EXPRESS	Sleeper	
12.	2954 NIZAMMUDIN-MUMBAI CENTRAL AUGUST KRANTI EXPRESS	AC 3-Tier	
13.	4006 NIZAMMUDIN-INDORE INTERCITY EXPRESS	Sleeper	
14.	4645 NEW DELHI-JAMMU TAWI SHALIMAR EXPRESS	Sleeper	

S.No.	TRAIN	CLASS	RESERVATION OFFICES STATIONS WHERE THE RESERVATIONS UNDER TATKAL SCHEME CAN BE AVAILED
15.	4646 JAMMU TAWI-NEW DELHI SHALIMAR EXPRESS	Sleeper	
16.	2841 HOWRAH-CHENNAI COROMANDAL EXPRESS	Sleeper	**Before preparation of chart:** At Reservation Offices at Fairlie Place, New Koilaghat, Old Koilaghat, Howrah and Rabindra Sadan Booking Office.
17.	2860 HOWRAH-MUMBAI GEETANJALI EXPRESS	Sleeper	**After preparation of chart:** At Howrah Railway Station.
18.	2915 AHMEDABAD-DELHI ASHRAM EXPRESS	Sleeper	AHMEDABAD
19.	2953 MUMBAI CENTRAL-NIZAMUDDIN AUGUST KRANTI EXPRESS	AC 3-Tier	MUMBAI CENTRAL
20.	4005 INDORE-NIZAMUDDIN INTERSITY EXPRESS	Sleeper	INDORE

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The extra charges required to be paid per passenger are Rs. 150/- for AC-3 Tier and Rs. 50/- for both Chair Car and Sleeper Class. For booking under this scheme either a Credit Card of a Bank, Voter Identity Card, Passport, Driving Licence, a laser laminated photo identity card with a proper serial number constitute the authority.

(e) and (f) This scheme will be extended to all the superfast trains during the year 1998-99. There is no proposal to withdraw Emergency Quota which is meant to meet the urgent travel requirement of High Official Requisition holders, MPs, VIPs, Officials etc as Taitkal Scheme will be available only in a limited number of trains. At present no person who is on extension of service is dealing with headquarter quota.

Malfunctioning of National Laboratories under CSIR

*153. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of national laboratories functioning under the CSIR.

(b) whether it is a fact that favouritism and nepotism is prevalent in these laboratories in the recruitment of scientists and other personnel and the fact was revealed by a Committee which had examined the working of these laboratories;

(c) whether Government are aware that talented scientists in these laboratories are a frustrated lot due to limited avenues of advancement in career; and

(d) the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI):

(a) Information placed at Statement (*see below*).

(b) No Sir.

(c) CSIR has been a pioneer in devising career advancement Schemes for its Scientists. As career advancement is based on the system of flexible complementing, a person who joins at the entry level i.e. in Group IV(1) in the